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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member USIB

SUBJECT: NIS Committee Report on the Re-oriented NIS

REFERENCE: USIB-AM-64/4, 27 February 1964

1. Reference directed this report by 1 June on (1) selected high level evaluation of the new General Surveys and the reoriented NIS and (2) priorities in NIS production.

2. The Committee's report attaches the 12 verbatim survey responses, which unanimously endorse the one-volume General Survey as the primary unit in accelerated and selective NIS coverage. Priorities by topics and foreign areas are shown by the FY 1965 schedule which indicates a sharp rise in General Survey coverage and decrease in supplementary coverage. Latin America and Africa areas receive greatest emphasis. The report indicates the NIS Committee's accommodation to competing demands, capabilities, and other major factors involved in scheduling of this inter-agency production which preclude establishment of fixed priorities well in advance. The FY 65 production level and topical mix generally indicates the planned pattern for future scheduling.

3. The DD/I considers that the reorientation of the NIS Program is proceeding effectively and in accordance with his own and USIB guidance. He feels that various suggestions for further changes in the NIS are a matter for continuing consideration by the NIS Committee, not USIB, without requirement for interim reports to USIB.

4. I recommend that USIB note the favorable consumer evaluation, and approve the planned priorities and the report as submitted.

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